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## **Troopers improve joint security station**

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**BAGHDAD** – In recent weeks Multi-National Division – Baghdad Soldiers at Joint Security Station Ghazaliya I in northwest Baghdad took on tasks of improving their station to create a more functional, tactical and trooper-friendly environment.

The medics, Personal Security Detachment and security platoon of Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, are currently building a new entry control point, creating a new medical office and medical facility layout and entry, creating a new casualty collection point, repairing the rooms damaged by fire, building a new Morale, Welfare and Recreation trailer, and installing sniper-screen roof tops.

Capt. Matthew Todd, commander, HHT, 5th Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., believes these developments are essential to the success of the mission in Iraq.

“These modifications will help facilitate our troopers in many ways. They improve the security of the JSS and the morale of the Soldiers,” he said. “Improving a

battle position consistently is a cornerstone of base defense; one we are taking very seriously on Ghazaliyah I.”

The Troopers think the new MWR facility and the new medical area are the two most notable improvements to Ghazaliyah I. The new MWR trailer is full of furniture built by the troopers.

Some of the amenities include private phone areas, new couches and tables, computer and gaming equipment, a library, and a game playing table.

The HHT medics have been hard at work on several improvements to their current medical facility by adding a new office area, rearranging storage and shelving for maximum utilization, and creating double swinging doors to facilitate the movement of personnel during a mass casualty situation.

A new casualty control point is being constructed to aid troopers in the event of an emergency. The new CCP is more easily accessible to vehicles as they enter so casualties can be loaded in the evacuation vehicle with limited time loss and movement.

“The new CCP is placed in a way to minimize confusion and maximize the use of the limited time we have available to us between the casualties entering the JSS and when we have to evacuate them out,” said Staff Sgt. Thomas Wisneski, 5th Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt. “Each change we’ve made to our area has the patients’ convenience and comfort in mind. Hopefully we won’t need to employ any of them, but we are fully prepared to if the need arises.”

These enhancements have raised the quality of life for the troopers at JSS Ghazaliyah I.

“Thanks to the diligence of the HHT commander and the troopers who work alongside him, the facilities of JSS Ghazaliyah I are improving daily,” said Wisneski.



### **PMCS.**

BAGHDAD – Spc. Gregory Johnson, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad, creates an end table for the new Morale, Welfare and Recreation facility at Joint Security Station Ghazaliya I Jan. 8. The troopers of HHT have been improving the quality of life at the JSS for the last couple of weeks.

(U.S. Army photo by 2nd Lt. Cait Smith, 5th Sqdn. 4th Cav. Regt., 2nd HBCT, 1st Inf. Div., MND-B)



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BAGHDAD – Capt. Matthew Todd, commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad, does preventative maintenance, checks and services on equipment used to build furniture in the new Morale, Welfare and Recreation facility at Joint Security Station Ghazaliya I Jan. 8. The troopers of HHT have been improving the quality of life at the JSS for the last couple of weeks.

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### **Water Tower.**

BAGHDAD – 1st Lt. Jared Lunt (top), Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad, sits atop a water tower while he and Spc. Antonio Holston, HHT, 5th Sqdn. 4th Cav. Regt., 2nd HBCT, 1st Inf. Div., MND-B, drain the tower in the process of making more room at Joint Security Station Ghazaliya I Jan. 8. The troopers of HHT have been improving the quality of life at the JSS for the last couple of weeks.

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